

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-60 (cancelled).

61. (New) A method for disseminating information about a faulty condition concerning a type of vehicle, comprising:  
generating a message about the faulty condition;  
searching a database for identifiers of a plurality of vehicles which belong to the type of vehicle; and  
electronically transmitting the message about the faulty condition, to the plurality of vehicles, over a communications network based on the identifiers of the plurality of vehicles.

62. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the message is electronically transmitted to the vehicles at addresses containing the respective identifiers of the vehicles.

63. (New) The method of claim 62 wherein at least one of the respective identifiers of the vehicles includes at least part of a vehicle identification number (VIN).

64. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein at least one of the identifiers of the vehicles includes at least part of a VIN.

65. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the message is electronically transmitted via the Internet.

66. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the message includes a recall notice.

67. (New) The method of claim 61 further comprising monitoring for correction of the faulty condition in ones of the vehicles.

68. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle model.

69. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle year.

70. (New) The method of claim 61 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle manufacturer.

71. (New) A method for obtaining information about a vehicle, comprising:  
receiving messages from a vehicle via a communications network at different times, the messages containing measures provided by at least one device in the vehicle, the messages being associated with an identifier of the vehicle;  
storing in a memory the measures in the messages, the measures being stored in association with the identifier;  
receiving a query for data about a condition of the vehicle based on the identifier;  
and  
in response to the query, providing the data based on at least one of the measures stored in association with the identifier.

72. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein the data concerns a mileage of the vehicle.

73. (New) The method of claim 72 wherein the at least one device includes an

odometer, and the at least one measure is provided by the odometer.

74. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein the data concerns a speed of the vehicle.

75. (New) The method of claim 74 wherein the at least one device includes a speedometer, and the at least one measure is provided by the speedometer.

76. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein the data concerns a status of a component of the vehicle.

77. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a door.

78. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a window.

79. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a hood.

80. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a trunk.

81. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a mirror.

82. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes an air-bag.

83. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a restraint device.

84. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein the component includes a light.

85. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein the identifier includes at least part of a VIN.

86. (New) A system for disseminating information about a faulty condition concerning a type of vehicle, comprising:  
a server for generating a message about the faulty condition;  
a database for searching for identifiers of a plurality of vehicles which belong to the type of vehicle; and  
a mechanism for electronically transmitting the message about the faulty condition, to the plurality of vehicles, over a communications network based on the identifiers of the plurality of vehicles.

87. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the message is electronically transmitted to the vehicles at addresses containing the respective identifiers of the vehicles.

88. (New) The system of claim 87 wherein at least one of the respective identifiers of the vehicles includes at least part of a VIN.

89. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein at least one of the identifiers of the vehicles includes at least part of a VIN.

90. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the message is electronically transmitted via the Internet.

91. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the message includes a recall notice.

92. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein correction of the faulty condition in ones of the vehicles is monitored.

93. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle model.

94. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle year.

95. (New) The system of claim 86 wherein the type of vehicle is specified by at least a vehicle manufacturer.

96. (New) A system for obtaining information about a vehicle, comprising:  
an interface for receiving messages from a vehicle via a communications network at different times, the messages containing measures provided by at least one device in the vehicle, the messages being associated with an identifier of the vehicle;  
a memory for storing the measures in the messages, the measures being stored in association with the identifier; and  
a server for receiving a query for data about a condition of the vehicle based on the identifier, the data being provided in response to the query based on at least one of the measures stored in association with the identifier.

97. (New) The system of claim 96 wherein the data concerns a mileage of the vehicle.

98. (New) The system of claim 97 wherein the at least one device includes an odometer, and the at least one measure is provided by the odometer.

99. (New) The system of claim 96 wherein the data concerns a speed of the vehicle.

100. (New) The system of claim 99 wherein the at least one device includes a speedometer, and the at least one measure is provided by the speedometer.

101. (New) The system of claim 96 wherein the data concerns a status of a component of the vehicle.

102. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a door.

103. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a window.

104. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a hood.

105. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a trunk.

106. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a mirror.

107. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes an air-bag.

108. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a restraint device.

109. (New) The system of claim 101 wherein the component includes a light.

110. (New) The system of claim 96 wherein the identifier includes at least part of a VIN.